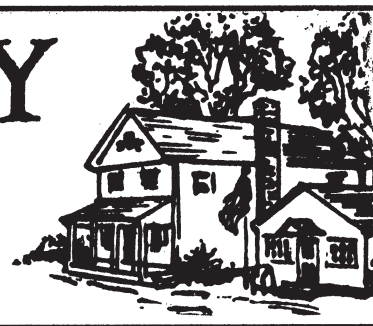




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The Town

Lakes

Leroy Thorpe of the Park Commission requested that the Harbormaster or Melissa Hamm, Environmental Police Officer, begin patrolling Lake Garfield regularly. A boy fell off a tube in the back of a boat well beyond the beach ropes and had to be rescued by a kayaker, with an assist eventually by the beach lifeguard. Thorpe also said that all the moored boats right beyond the beach were causing a

problem, and wondered if it were legal for them to be so close to the swimming area. Select Board member Scott Jenssen said he believed boating activities were prohibited in the small beach area of the lake. (Lake Garfield Safe Boating Rules state: No waterskiing/boarding/tubing on the small [west] side of the lake. No operating a motorboat or personal watercraft within any public or private swimming area.) Thorpe gave the Board an incident report, which was passed on to the Harbormaster, Gareth Backhaus.

Thorpe returned to a following meeting, and there was discussion of whether swimmers should be allowed outside the ropes, considering that the lifeguard is responsible only for the swimming area inside the ropes. He also reported that the Park Commission is working on getting an all-year, weatherproof phone at the beach to replace the Verizon pay phone now there.

Pat and Julio Rodriguez of the Friends of Lake Garfield came in to discuss the email from Pat Edelstein about a plant



courtesy Steve Graves

An evolving South County softball group of all ages has been coming to Greene Park in Monterey center on Sunday mornings at 10:30 for informal pickup games for decades. The season runs through October and all players are welcome.

study at Lake Garfield, which was required in the latest Notice of Intent to draw down the lake. The Board reviewed the 2009 Town Warrant and couldn't find that \$2500 was allocated for the study. They agreed that the town should pay for a plant study if the Notice of Intent requires it. The Friends of Lake Garfield are willing to pay half the expenses, and the Rodriguezes stressed that the study should be completed before the end of the summer, because that is the optimal time. The Board agreed to consult with Town Accountant Barbara Gauthier in order to get the required funds.

Julio Rodriguez gave the Board a list of all the people that were to give boat rides on Lake Garfield during the August 16th Lakefest, so they could be added to the Town's insurance policies for Lake-Fest. He said there would be no fireworks at Lakefest since the needed \$6000 was not raised.

The Lake Buel Watershed Committee, whose mission is to preserve the integrity of the Lake Buel watershed, met almost weekly last summer and have had several meetings this summer. They have secured permits from the New Marlborough Conservation Committee to control the beavers and beaver dam at the outlet. The towns of Monterey and New Marlborough have

granted the committee a total of \$20,000 each this year, to follow up the \$10,000 each granted last summer. A preliminary engineering study of the watershed was initiated last summer, and is currently the primary document used by the Monterey and New Marlborough Conservation Committees, the State DEP, the Department of Health, and state representatives. The committee is planning to widen its outreach by including a community representative from Hartsville, state government representatives, a representative from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, major landowners on Lake Buel, representatives from each town government, and any other interested parties.

The Lake Buel Watershed Committee is seeking additional funding, beginning with the Environmental Bond Bill, which is expected to be passed by the Governor's office at the end of August. Dan Moriarty, president of the committee, attended the August 25th Select Board meeting and requested that a Select Board member agree to be "in the loop" for the committee

and to receive minutes of their meetings. Scott Jenssen agreed to do this, and Sue Protheroe will forward him the minutes. Moriarty stressed the need for an emergency pre-hazard mitigation plan and said the committee needs the support of both towns in order to secure funding.

School Matters

At the August 11th meeting, the Select Board met with interim Southern Berkshire Regional School District Superintendent Michael Singleton and Monterey's school committee representative, Deborah Mielke, to discuss school issues. The Board congratulated Mr. Singleton on his recent appointment as the interim superintendent and thanked him for his work to date. They explained briefly the difficulties that Monterey has encountered (and was working on with the former Superintendent) regarding transportation, the Monterey School building, getting representation on certain subcommittees (after-school and sports), maintenance of the Monterey School

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(trash, shoveling, mowing, etc.), and a presence from Monterey in the central administration building.

Mr. Singleton assured the Board that he is listening to all of the outlying towns' concerns. He also pointed out that he is an interim superintendent, which means that he is here for a year unless the school committee chooses to offer the position to him at a later date. At this point, he feels it would be premature to ask if he is interested in applying for the permanent position.

With regards to Monterey's concerns about the budget assessment method, Mr. Singleton said his initial feeling is that perhaps the assessments should be based on total student population, but he didn't want to be held to this opinion since he hasn't been able to properly research the issue.

Mr. Singleton stated that having a new school committee elected this fall under the new election system is refreshing and has a potential to bring positive changes to the school. However he pointed out that all ten members are being elected at the same time for the same term length (4 years) and feels the terms should be staggered (which can be done through an amendment). He is in the process of certifying who is running for the school

committee positions and will be sending out information. At the moment no one knows for sure who is running.

When asked what the main issues were that he was facing, Mr. Singleton said that his Special Education Director position is vacant and an interim special education director is being sought. He feels that it is possible to share a special education director with the Berkshire Hills Regional School District if the position was well supported. The current director at BHRSD is retiring and is currently filling the position on an interim basis. Discussions are also in the works about other services that can be shared between the two districts. A study may be performed to look at all of the possibilities and the advantages and disadvantages of each.

The Select Board asked about the current budget process and past problems with enormous changes being made to the budget at the final hour. Select Board member Jon Sylbert explained that for the last two years two meetings were held, the first to discuss the budget and the second to discuss the proposed changes to the budget made from the first meeting. The Board questioned whether or not there was enough input from the surrounding towns prior to a final budget being presented. Mr. Singleton said that his philosophy for developing the budget is based on the needs of the school and what is needed to operate the school system and its programs (academic and support), not on a number.

School Committee Election

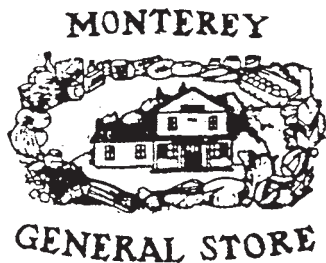
As reported earlier, all ten seats on the Southern Berkshire Regional District School Committee will be elected in a district-wide election in November. The *Monterey News* and other district town community newspapers plan on running statements from the candidates and other election information the October issues. A move is also afoot to have a candidates' night and forum in October where citizens can meet the candidates and hear their views, but it has not been set up at press time. The district towns' representation on the committee will be the same as before (Sheffield, 4 seats; New Marlborough and Egremont, 2 seats each; Monterey and Alford, 1 seat each), but all seats will be elected by a district-wide vote, so it is important for voters to get all the information they can about all the candidates. Watch the October *News* for more on this important election.

He also shared that he doesn't develop a budget alone and receives considerable input from the staff.

Highways

State Representative Smitty Pignatelli emailed that the revised article for \$300,000 for Monterey's salt shed was on Governor Patrick's desk awaiting approval. Peter Nyler, District Engineer, will push the permit for the salt shed.

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Director of Operations Maynard Forbes reported that Fairview Road is not holding up well during the heavy rains and that a permanent solution is being sought. The Montgomery's of Fairview Road have not responded to his letter about their open driveway permit.

Jon Sylbert asked why Wellman Road wasn't being mowed. Forbes said that Wellman Road hasn't been mowed in fifteen years, because at that time Lew Scheffey notified the then Director of Operations Donald Armstead that he would mow the roadside himself. Another mower is coming in September, and the Board can request that the road be mowed then. At the Select Board meeting on August 25th, it was reported that Mr. Scheffey had mowed half of the road.

Forbes said that he had learned from the *Monterey News* that the Select Board, in order to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest, had decided to make him and Police Chief Gareth Backhaus advisory members of the Employee Compensation Committee rather than voting members. The Board also wants to add more citizens to the committee. Forbes was concerned because he and Backhaus had not been informed or consulted. The Board agreed to discuss this further.

In other areas, a sinkhole was reported on Main Road, and Lake Buel watershed signs, paid for by the Lake Buel Prudential Committee, have been put up. A recycling container will be moved to replace the one at the town beach. There is a possibility of ordering rain barrels from the Department of Environmental Protection.

Police Matters

Police Chief Gareth Backhaus introduced David, a candidate for part-time police officer. Monyahan works part-time as a police officer in Egremont and has been an officer in Dalton as well. Backhaus will cooperate with Egremont in arranging his schedule. After a short discussion, the Board unanimously approved Monyahan's hiring.

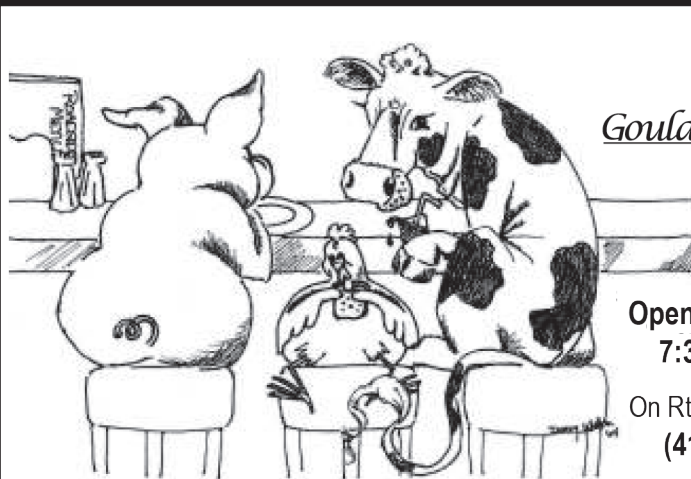
Items on the police blotter this month include a call about an intoxicated person trying to enter a house. The individual was placed under protective custody due to his level of intoxication. Later it was learned that he had allegedly broken into two Monterey homes, and the reported stolen items were found on his person. He had also allegedly stolen a bike from Berkshire Bike and Blade. He was arrested, and charged. The State Police Crime Lab was called to take samples left at the scene,

and the intruder is now in jail, being held on a \$25,000 bond. As always, the Police Department stresses that residents should be aware of their security, and lock their windows and doors.

Other items responded to this month include loose cows from Woodburn Farm, which were found from West Road to Stevens Lake; a disturbance on Main Road; and raccoons on Point Road; three abandoned 911 calls (Mt. Hunger Road, Fairview Road, Hupi Road); a lockout at the town beach; a fender bender in the village; a mutual aid call from Great Barrington; and two speeding stops, resulting in discovery of suspended drivers' licenses.

A cleaning company working on Hupi Road allegedly stole and forged several checks and tried to cash them at a Pittsfield bank. The Pittsfield Police are handling the matter. Also, a suspicious person was reported walking around with

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a clipboard on Main Road; the person was not found.

Chief Backhaus agreed to address a complaint of speeding by the beach and said that despite a record number of speeding tickets, people don't seem to be slowing down.

One of the cruisers needs a new universal joint, which will be repaired before it is traded in for a new cruiser.

Miscellaneous

June Rochedieu informed the Select Board that the complaint reported in the *Monterey News* about tents erected on her property near the lake was not accurate; the tents are on the Quisenberry property, and the Keswick campers are her guests and are allowed to use her property to launch their canoes.

Lois Storch, Library Trustee Chairperson, requested that the Board appoint Denise Andrus, the Library Trustees' choice, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Carol Edelman until the next town election. Andrus was appointed to serve until June 30, 2009.

A memo was sent to Town Treasurer Pat Mielke asking if an inventory had been done of the Edith Wilson paintings donated to the town, if the paintings been appraised, and if they were insured in a separate line item in case of loss.

Maggie Barkin came in to discuss landscaping the boundary between her land and Town Hall. It was agreed that the town would plant shrubbery since the water is attractive to children.

A meeting between the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Post Office was to be held on August 27 to consider the Post Office's proposed changes that would eliminate two plus parking spaces. The Select Board recommended that the ZBA consider doing further studies. Both Chief Backhaus and Maynard Forbes thought the changes were probably not a good idea.

The Select Board informed the Board of Health that if they decided to shut down Kutsher's Sports Academy because it was found to be placing a liability on the town by continuing to operate without a proper permit, the Select Board would support this action.

— Sue Protheroe



Ben Luxon Presents an Afternoon with the Bard

On September 27 esteemed British baritone Ben Luxon will present a program about the life and times of William Shakespeare. During his 30-year career Luxon, formerly one of Britain's major international singers, performed at the Metropolitan Opera in New York and the great opera houses of Europe, as well as on the worldwide concert stage, where he sang a variety of musical styles. After a severe hearing loss in the early '90s, he retired from his singing career and turned to the music of words, acting and giving poetry readings. He recently performed *King Lear* with Walking the Dog Theater Company of Hudson, NY, and played the Ghost and the Grave Digger in its production of *Hamlet*. In Luxon's creation *An Afternoon with the Bard*, he uses his great stage presence and magnificent baritone voice to illuminate the monologues and speeches from Shakespeare's plays.

The performance, sponsored by the Monterey Cultural Council, is at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, September 27, in the Monterey Meetinghouse. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call Joe Baker, 528-5134.

Monterey Cultural Council Grant Applications Due Oct 15

Cultural Council heads-up: Our annual deadline for grant applications is October 15. Watch the Council website link on the Monterey town site (www.montereyma.gov) and the October issue of the *Monterey News* for details.

Otis Cultural Council Grant Applications Due Oct 15

The Otis Cultural Council has received a grant of \$4,300 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and is now accepting applications for grants for the 2009 season. We welcome a variety of artists and musicians from the Massachusetts area to provide activities, workshops and concerts, for both adults and children. All applications, including those for PASS (students tickets), are also available online at www.mass.culture.org and on the Otis web site, www.townofotisma.com, as well as at the Otis Town Hall. Applications should be mailed to Otis Cultural Council, Otis Town Hall, PO Box 237, Otis, MA 01253, postmarked no later than October 15, 2008.

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Broadband Update

Despite the height of summer, much has transpired on the local high-speed internet access front over the past month.

First off, on July 28, the Broadband Bill was passed in its final form by the Massachusetts legislature, and signed by Governor Patrick on August 4. The bill was increased from \$25 to \$40 million, which is designated for investment in broadband infrastructure in the commonwealth to support deployment of affordable broadband and ubiquitous access to unserved areas. The governor's office is currently working on appointing a board that will oversee the statewide installation. The board will leverage investments with providers with the intention of creating a robust, modern broadband infrastructure designed to meet future bandwidth needs. We are waiting to hear about estimated timelines.

Another significant development was the formation of the Southern Berkshire Technology Committee, also at the end of July. Delegates from southern Berkshire towns' broadband and technology committees came together with the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce to form a community-led group to expedite the state's rollout and make sure the best interests of our communities are being served. The SBTC pledges to work with the state and local towns on permitting,

zoning, and other necessary approvals to ensure the rapid and comprehensive deployment of modern broadband.

The SBTC has been endorsed by the Select Boards of twelve towns so far, including Becket, Great Barrington, Alford, Egremont, Lee, Monterey, Mt. Washington, New Marlborough, Otis, Sandisfield, Sheffield, and Tyringham. The SBTC believes that broadband access is an absolute requirement for economic development, education, communications, health and safety, and quality of life in our communities—and that it is the contemporary equivalent of rural electrification and telephone initiatives of the past.

On August 5, in Great Barrington, SBTC committee members presented Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick with a signed and ratified copy of an agreement between the towns of the Southern Berkshires to create the Southern Berkshire Technology Committee. The letter outlined the importance of modern broadband access to the long-term vitality of the region and also voiced the SBTC's

intent to play an important and constructive role working with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute and other parties to develop a technologically robust plan for bringing broadband to the Commonwealth's underserved towns.

The group includes representatives from the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce and broadband committees that were formed in towns across our region to address the discrimination against rural communities with regard to high-speed Internet access. The members of the committee represent a cross-section of our communities: technology experts, professionals, educators, small business owners, retirees, families and concerned citizens. Two members of Monterey's broadband committee, Monica Webb and Michael Storch, are also members of the SBTC.

If you have any further questions about broadband deployment in Monterey, please email us atbroadbandcommittee@verizon.net.

— Monica Webb



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A Rainbow, a Full Moon, a Magic Day for Monterey

On August 16, after what seemed like 40 days and 40 nights of rain, LakeFest 2008 was gifted with a glorious day.

The excitement started at 9:00 a.m., at the Hatchery fishing derby, where crowds of kids swarmed the shoreline, casting their hopes to the wind. Mitchell Amstead landed first prize, a brawny 3 lb. 10 oz, 21-inch brown trout. (Mitchell, you're my idol!) Second prize went to Regina Cook for her 17-inch brown trout. Hunter Rodrick's 15-inch rainbow trout earned third prize.

Next stop, the town beach, where from 2:00 p.m. on LakeFesters of all ages gathered in growing waves. Kids created elaborate sand structures (no mere castles here), ranging from the Temple of Doom to Beijing's Olympic Stadium. Little hands painted a mural of museum-quality (just ask any parent). Children's painted faces brought smiles to wearers and observers alike. All through the day, under-twelves armed with disposable cameras (courtesy of FLG) photographed LakeFest through the eyes of kids (see next pages).

Free motorboat rides (never mind the price of gas) were a favorite, as always. It's amazing how each year a few longtime Montereyans show up, confessing they've never been on the lake (we fixed that).

Free kayak rides studded Lake Garfield with jewel-like colors.

At 5:00 songster Jay Mankita arrived in the Veggie Voyager, his van that runs on recycled vegetable oil. Wearing his "educational concerts for kids" hat, he strummed his stuff. (Pete Seeger calls Jay "one of the half-dozen best songwriters today.")

Came 5:45 p.m. and the grumbling of empty stomachs could be heard. Magically, a rainbow stretched across the Monterey sky. At the end of the rainbow was not a pot of gold, but better, a sumptuous potluck dinner to satiate the hungry hoards. An endless array of luscious dishes delighted even the most discerning of palates. Hot dogs and hamburgers sizzled on the grill. When we were filled to capacity, when no one could budge, an enormous assortment of sinfully delicious desserts appeared ... and quickly disappeared. (I still dream about the Key lime pie.) Almost 300 people were served. At times the chow line seemed as if it would reach Pittsfield. (Reminded me of the Yogi-ism, "That restaurant is so crowded, nobody goes there anymore.") Marshmallows roasting on an open fire painted sticky, happy faces.

Efforts to *Go Green* were rewarded. Many of you brought your own nondisposable table settings and took them back home with you, along with your trash. As a result we had half as much trash as last year. Let's do even better next year.



Mitchell Amstead with 1st-prize trout.

When seven o'clock rolled around, David Grover and the Big Bear Band rocked & rolled in. David, together with Kathy Jo and Terry ALaBerry, showcased their talent and versatility, singing songs from every genre for every generation. From *The Witch Doctor* "Oo ee oo ah ah ting tang walla walla bing bang" to Dylan's "Lay, Lady, Lay," the Big Bear Band shined under a full moon, playing themselves into our hearts, for the fourth year in a row.

And now a word from our sponsor. The Friends of Lake Garfield (FLG) brings you LakeFest with the support—financial, emotional, and physical—of our Town of Monterey. But none of this could happen without the cosmic efforts of a huge group of volunteers who deserve high salaries, but instead will have to simply accept our most sincere thanks. So let's get started ... for organizing and officiating at the fishing derby, thank you LEROY THORPE, GEORGE EMMONS, and MR. & MRS. PHIL GUNZINGER. Our gratitude to DEAN & FRAN AMIDON, who hosted motorboat rides at their dock, tucked little ones safely in life jackets, and made sure all went smoothly for embarkations and debarkations. We salute our boat captains, RICHARD EDELSTEIN, PAUL GELBARD, BARRY JAFFE, RICHARD JAFFE, STEVE SCHWARTZ, DAVID SHIFRIN, and HY ROSEN. Thanks to those who lent their kayaks—and to the handsome dude who tirelessly ushered them in and out (sorry, I can't remember your name and the *Monterey News* deadline is breathing down my neck).

For all the fun that the kids had, we are in debt to GINNY ALLENTUCK, CHRIS

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Let's have a round of applause for SUSAN & JOHN SCHMERLER and JUDYFREIDMAN for manning our ecology table and for SUSAN SCHMERLER and EVE LA BELLE for the sale of glow sticks. And how about a standing ovation for the organizers of our potluck dinner: MARGO GOLOS-REINES and her "A" team of CHERYL (Yeah, Cheryl), LIBBY, EDIE, JUDY K., MAGGIE, and ANN—and MYRNA ROSEN, our flower girl, for dressing up the tables; DEL MARTIN & Co. for grilling up a storm; BOBRAUSCH for keeping the home campfire glowing and the marshmallows flowing; and SAM CORWIN for helping with parking. Many thanks to the gentleman who jumped out of his car, bestowed us with a stack of "Berkshires" T-shirts to sell ... and then rode off into the sunset. (Who was that masked man?)

Kudos to KENN BASLER for the tons of General Store provisions that he provided gratis. Thanks to town financial officer BARBARA GAUTHIER for monitoring our grant expenses from the town and facilitating payment of bills, always

with a smile. And to the person(s) we forgot to thank, we give you our appreciation and our apologies.

The bulk of the planning for LakeFest falls on the shoulders of the FLG steering committee. PAT EDELSTEIN, who is both our ecology person (and what an unbelievable job she does!) and our treasurer, deserves a ton of thanks. I'm on that committee and did some stuff, too. But the broadest shoulders in our little group belong to JULIO RODRIGUEZ, FLG President, and his wife, PAT SOLOMON. Take a bow for the endless hours and the enormous effort you two put into making LakeFest 2008 happen.

You may have noticed that there were no fireworks this year. No booms. No *ten-thousand-chrysanthemums* coloring the night sky. No money, that's why.

If you'd like to see fireworks at LakeFest 2009, you can make a pledge toward that end. We'll only collect your pledge if we make the numbers—the cost is about \$6,600. To pledge, go to LakeGarfield.org and click on "contact us."

Next year LakeFest will be on Saturday August 15. I can't hardly wait. (And whoever brought that Key lime pie, please bring it again.)

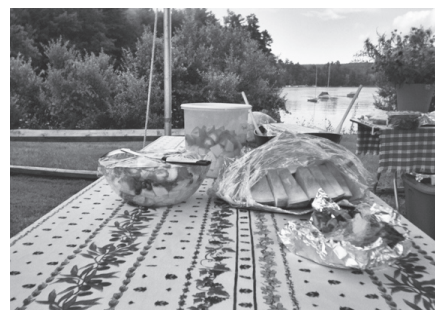
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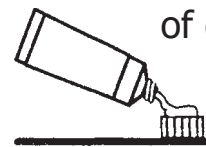
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Thanks to all who made our summer so successful! We need to thank our sponsors: the Monterey Cultural Council for helping to fund our children's programming, the Monterey Historical Society for allowing us to use their room on several occasions, the Library Trustees for funding most of the paid programming, the Monterey General Store for providing refreshments and ice cream to many young readers, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for sponsoring the Wild Reads program. A special thanks to the volunteers, including Annabel Edelman and Sue Cain for doing crafts with the kids, Kent Godfrey for reading Shel Silverstein, Michelle Arnot for teaching us all we ever wanted to know about crossword puzzles, Will Marsh for leading the poetry sharing night, Denise and Lauren Andrus for making our beautiful signs, and Barbara Wolf-Dorlester and AJ Cole for bringing their highly trained Reading Dogs to the delight of the kids! Thanks also to all of you who came and participated or signed up for the reading program! If you have a craft or a talent for entertaining the kids or the adults, come in and see us—we can do smaller programs in the winter as well, and it's not too early to plan for next summer.

Poetry sharing update: eighteen people came and spent an hour reading, listening, and applauding the poets! It was such a great response we thought it would be worth trying again—so see

you Monday, September 22, at 7 p.m. for another session. It's a friendly place to try out your verse with a small group.

Reading Dog update: it was certainly a sight to see a four-year-old reading a book to a Newfoundland that stood 30 inches at the shoulder! AJ Cole was here in a special guest appearance; she usually can be found at the Richmond Library if you're lucky enough to get an appointment. Meanwhile Barbara Wolf-Dorlester, featured in last month's *Monterey News*, has a home in Monterey and is looking into setting up a schedule of appointments in the near future. Call the library or email montereylibrary@gmail.com to find out when Moxie will be here next!

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Royal Hemlock Trail Walk

Experienced trail guide Dr. Richard Greene will lead a walk along a historic thoroughfare in the Bidwell forests on Saturday, September 6, at 10 a.m. Guests will walk in the footsteps of the earliest settlers on an old road that followed an Indian path. Settlers in Tyringham Township followed the path to the first Meeting House, which was located on Bidwell Museum acreage.

Greene will point out the intersection of the old Boston Post Road to Albany near the site of the Meeting House and make a case for Colonel Henry Knox's traversing the property with Fort Ticonderoga cannons on his historic 1776 march to Dorchester Heights in Boston. Walkers will note the flora and fauna along this path, which was the demographic center and origin of the two towns.

Bring walking shoes and water and plan for at least 2 to 3 hours. Donations accepted. Call 413-528-6888.

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SEPT 6, 4:30 PM • PIANIST JUNG-JA KIM performs Beethoven, Chopin, Brahms, Rachmaninoff and Ravel. One of Korea's foremost concert artists, she has received kudos for her recordings of Mozart, Chopin concerti, Rachmaninoff complete preludes and Ravel complete solo piano music. Berkshire debut.

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Receptions with the artists follow in the Meeting House Gallery

Jamie's Court at Greene Park

An effort is currently underway, behind the scenes, to raise money to build a new basketball court in Greene Park, in addition to the existing court. "Jamie's Court" will be donated to the Town of Monterey in memory of Jamie Bogdanoff, a lifelong summer resident of Monterey and a regular Sunday hoopster, who died of cancer on February 29, 2008, at the age of 47. Professionally, he was a well-respected figure in television with many accomplishments, including an Emmy Award as a producer on *Good Morning America*. I am so proud and fortunate to say he was my best friend for forty years for which I am grateful and have been truly blessed.

Many who knew him, called him James, some called him Jim. To me and many others, he has been and always will be Jamie ... Regardless of how you came to know him, whether professionally, socially or personally, he was the same person. What you saw was what you got — take it or leave it. With Jamie there was no façade or false bravado or trying to be someone or something he wasn't. Why? Because the best word to describe Jamie Bogdanoff is genuine. Genuine meaning real and having all the qualities or values he claimed to possess; genuine meaning sincerely felt and not affected or pretended; genuine meaning candid and honest and

open in relationships with others and in all that he did, professionally, socially, or personally. That is Jamie — or as he would say, "It is what it is."

The Berkshires and Monterey, or as Jamie referred to it, "the country," truly is a piece of heaven on this earth and the place Jamie loved most. All of us who spend time here are a very close and loving extended family, and for Jamie and us it will always be home, no matter where we reside.

I want to share a short story with you about Jamie. From the time he was a teenager, Jamie was a regular Sunday morning hoop player at Greene Park. He never lost a step and had a soft left-hand jump shot. Many of you have heard of Jimmy the Greek, who used to be a sports analyst for NFL football, amongst other things, including his ability to handicap sports. In the very competitive and very serious Monterey weekend morning hoops league, Jamie, by his early 20s, became fondly nicknamed Jimmy the Jew. This was a term of endearment and respect, I assure you. He was in charge of two things, picking the teams and keeping the score, neither of which the rest of us could do without Jamie. He earned his nickname as follows: I, Scott Jervas, Mick Burns, Dave Brown, Jay Amidon, Randy Gelbard, my brother Chris, and others would show up to play and start shooting around to warm up. Finally, we would agree to start, but no

one wanted to be a captain or choose teams. So instead, in order to get the games going, Jamie would look around the court and size things up and decide who was playing on which team and against whom, like it or not. Of course we would all protest and repeatedly tell him he was nuts, usually adding expletives, and that the teams were lopsided and unfair. However, he wouldn't hear any of it and would tell us to shut up; and play and time and time again, no matter how he divided out the players, it seemed to work out: the teams were fair and the games were competitive. Thus was born Jimmy the Jew. I know he looks down on us each Sunday and laughs each time we can't remember the score, because he surely does know, without a doubt.

We need your help in making Jamie's Court a reality, to be completed and donated to the town by the spring of 2009. Please consider making a charitable donation to help us build Jamie's Court. Checks should be made out to Berkshire Taconic/Fund for Jamie's Court. Send all donations to: Fund for Jamie's Court, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 271 Main Street, Suite 3, Great Barrington, MA 01230-1972.

— Greg Carnese

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SEPT 20, 4:30 PM • THE WORLD OF CLARA AND ROBERT SCHUMANN Concert with narration based on the letters of Clara and Robert Schumann and others read by acclaimed actors Eric Hill (BTF) and Ariel Bock. William Hite, tenor; Judith Gordon, piano; Ronald Gorevic, violin; and Matthias Naegele, cello. Music by Robert and Clara Schumann, Mendelssohn, Liszt, and Brahms.

SEPT 27, 4:30 PM • A LATE AFTERNOON OF GREAT JAZZ, FINE WINES AND FOOD Tessa Souter, vocalist with the Jason Ennis Trio. Jazz concert followed by a Wine Tasting hosted by Domaney's Fine Wines and Liquors with food tastes provided by The Old Inn on the Green (Zagat: "Best in the Berkshires").

OCT 4, 4:30 PM • AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS Stacy Schiff, Samantha Hunt, Mustafa Bayoumi, hosted by Mitchel Levitas of *The New York Times*. These nationally prominent authors will discuss their recently published work and answer questions from the audience.



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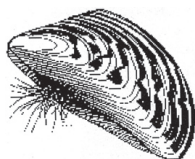
Zebra Mussels: Could It Happen Here? Maybe !

The threat of zebra mussels to the lakes of Massachusetts is a very real one. Well now, the zebra mussel is only a shellfish, right? And freshwater lakes like ours do have freshwater mussels. They've been here forever and are part of the lake ecology. So how bad could another little shellfish be? It could be very bad.

With no known enemies and a fertility rate of 30,000 to 1,000,000 eggs per female larva, these creatures, natives of Eastern Europe congregate in bunches and can clog large outflow pipes in a few months. They invaded the Great Lakes and related waterways in the 1980s, coming in ballast tanks, and are now spreading across the Northeast. They grow in size from ½ inch to 2 inches and rapidly clump together into huge masses. They've invaded the Quabbin Reservoir in central Massachusetts, generating real problems for the managements, and they've clogged the pipes of a large nuclear power plant on New York's Hudson River.

What do they do besides clogging pipes and costing states millions? First, they replace native mollusk species, filtering the water to absorb nutrients. Our native species cannot find food, changing the ecology of the lake.

But why think of them in our recreational lakes in the Berkshires? Zebra



mussels like alkaline water, and like some other Berkshire lakes, our own Lake Garfield has water that is alkaline, due to limestone bedrock deposits. Zebras would love to live in the three large outflow pipes at the western end of Lake Garfield. How would they get here? They come into lakes as veligers (swimming larvae ready to reproduce), hitchhiking from New York waterways or large lakes where they are already colonized, microscopically attached to boats, trailers, anchors, boat bottoms, bilges, and bait pails. Fortunately, we do have a plan.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts believes vigilance in testing for them is essential to pinpoint zebra mussel invasions and those of their even more prolific cousins, the Quagga mussel, for awareness and prevention of damage to waterside infrastructure. Some of our Western Massachusetts lakes are known to be more susceptible to invasion because of boat traffic and/or alkaline water like ours. Lake Garfield has been chosen to be one of the monitored lakes because our history in water testing shows us to be alkaline. Our pH of 8.3 in 2007 indicated alkaline water. A pH of 7.0 is neutral, higher is alkaline, lower is more acid.

We are tested for zebra mussels through the efforts of our LAPA-West lake steward, Dr James Phillips. Our first testing was done on July 10 by Dr. Phillips and

two Friends of Lake Garfield volunteers. We went out into the south side of the large bowl of the lake to sample water with a plankton net, and the results have recently been reported. No zebra larvae were found, which gives us a baseline of zero infestation. The plan for the future is to place a trap for zebra mussel veligers (larvae) moored at a site about 150 feet off the boat ramp. That trap will remain moored near the boat ramp and sampled yearly as long as boats are launched from there into the lake. Any result showing the presence of larvae will tell us to begin watching our outflow pipes.

Why test? At present, there is no treatment, so efforts are aimed at prevention and early detection. The answer: to be aware of infestation, to monitor pipes, and then to put any treatment found into action in the places that need it the most.

Prevention of zebra mussels is literally in the hands of boaters. As a boater, what can you do? Boaters should do the following: clean and dry everything that went into any other body of water. That means boats, anchors and their chains, bait pails, and the boat trailer. Boaters should do this after leaving any body of water, especially large lakes and New York waterways. A clean, dry boat, trailer, and equipment are much less likely to harbor these little organisms that could change our lakes forever.

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Early Farm and Garden Tools at Bidwell House

The Bidwell House Museum has opened an "Early Farm and Garden Tools" exhibit, prepared by Caretaker Chris Cacamo, which will be open during museum hours through Columbus Day.

The display is really about pieces of history: old plows, butter churns, scythes, sickles and rakes (made in Tyringham). The flax which we now grow in the Heirloom Garden had to be picked and dried and combed on a flax hetchel to make strings that became the threads to take to the Saxony wheel for spinning.

Two-man saws operated in a pit dug down seven feet, with strong posts wide enough apart to hold one or two pieces of heavy pine timber. Sawyers, one on level ground above the pit and one in the pit worked the saw and cut one hundred feet per day. The guy on top was called "Top Dog" and the guy in the pit was the "Under Dog." Top Dog had to be stronger and had to guide the saw so that it was sawing the board straight. The Bidwell House display has a remarkable plank that was sawn in this way. It demonstrates the most laborious and expensive form of timber and was used to make floorboards.

In South Tyringham, now called Monterey, when you called on your neighbor you were greeted with cold cider from

the barrel in the cellar. Most farm families had a cider press, which you can see in the exhibit. Visit the 200-year-old apple tree and sit on a bench under its leaves.

Most farm families also prepared potash for ready cash since in 1750 most production of textiles, glass, glazes for redware, leather tanning and gun powder required potash as a main ingredient. The Bidwell House has a wonderful old potash kettle. Later generations used the kettles for meat processing.

There are four unique seed planters and heritage seeds including Six Nations Calico corn, Waldo Boro turnip, Good King Henry, and Cherokee kinnikinnick, Berkshire cranberry kidney beans, and Tennis Ball lettuce. The sweple and flail are there to show how the corn was removed from the cob. And the farmer—well, he had his own custom-made snathe to fit his height. The snathe is the handle to a scythe.

You'll see a collection of buckets made by coopers and homemade maple tree taps that were used on the area of Bidwell land called the Sugar Bush. The early generations knew the land had to be fed and replenished; manure hardened in the winter and was cut up with a manure knife before being spread in the spring.

If you enjoy visiting the past to confront the questions of what, how and why, please visit the new exhibit and better yet, bring the children.

— Martha Dailey

Just Wondering

(First in a series "From the Dock")

Just how big will the boats on Lake Garfield become and does anyone care, other than me and the fish?

Today, on the 4th of July, while resting peacefully on my small dock, I witnessed several seafaring, gas-guzzling vessels (about the size of my cottage) just before tidal waves washed over my dock and reading materials! This increasingly common occurrence was worsened by the surreal sound of a voice coming from an electronic sound system issuing commentary on the performance of the skier towed behind it (I thought only police could have those)!

Just wondering—Does anyone else feel swamped by "Hummer" boats on the lake? Whatever happened to "big enough to get the skier out of the water, boat"? And what will be too big for little Lake Garfield? a cabin cruiser that seats four—will that be too much? Or will the limit be a boat that can't turn around in the lake!

Just wondering—who is steering the Lake Garfield ship? Not the captain of the Exxon Valdez lets hope!

— Robert Johnson

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Pastures of Plenty: Berry Season

Twenty years ago we had an unusual bounty of wild apples in these parts. An observant neighbor came by on his bike to worry about it.

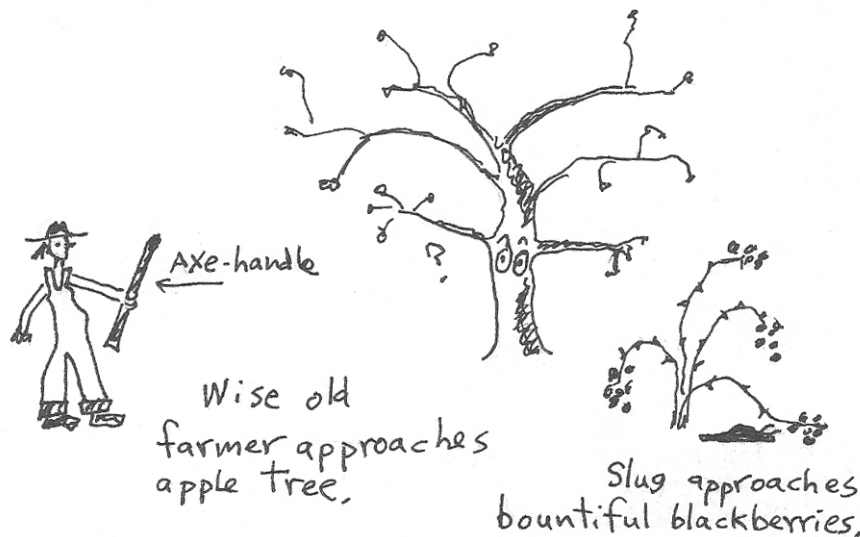
"I've heard that the trees know when it's all up, when the end is nigh. They put every thing they've got into reproduction—one last effort."

I was dubious, and he went on: "It's a well-known fact that the wise old-time farmers used to beat up their trees with an axe-handle. I mean literally whack them all around the trunk and larger branches to put them in distress so they'd produce like crazy the next season. The trees would respond as if the beating signaled the end of world, or at least the end of them and their personal ability to continue the line. So they would pour out the apples."

Like most jolly Americans, I resist doomsday predictors. When I see an apple blooming wildly in the spring and reddening up in the fall with a bumper crop, I ignore all implications to the contrary and read the thing at face value: a good year for apples. It's obvious, and it's all

I really know about. Don't know what's become of my neighbor on his bike, with his complicated readings and his wise old farmers. I heard he moved to Florida.

Meanwhile, we here locally are experiencing an unprecedented year for wild blackberries. I have always dreamed of an August like this, with the fruit dripping from the canes. This year I did a major cleaning out of old canes below the house, figuring I'd have an easier time picking later on. Sometime in June I was dismayed to see the green canes broken and trashed!



There was such a mess I thought it must have been a bear, wandering heavily all through the brambles, or possibly my partner scything with a degree of abandon, or maybe a blindfold.

After awhile we realized the first

crop of the blackberry plants was being harvested by our pals the porcupines, the leaf lovers. We already knew they'd been way up in the poplars dropping nipped-off branches with most of the leaves nibbled off, and one year they made hash of our strawberry bed, going for the leaves.

I felt peeved, sorry for myself. With all those poplars up the hill and sumacs by the house, why mess up the blackberries before they bore? Now, weeks later, I blush to remember how mean I felt. I am awash in blackberries, up in the pastures.

We cleared the pastures thirty years ago. They had grown up thanks to my great-uncle's farm management policy of "masterly neglect" as he called it. His father was a dairy farmer here, so he of course swore he'd never farm and became instead an Ivy League classics professor, only coming home in the summers to help his folks thin the carrots and paddle around the lake a bit.

My own parents followed his example, but when it was my turn, I wanted to dig in the dirt.

The first crop off the old pastures was soft wood and hard rocks. Then we put goats out there and had milk and cheese

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for twenty years before everyone went off dairy. Now, as the pastures grow up again, we are coming full circle, and I wonder if Clinton Walker Keyes (my great-uncle) was as richly rewarded for his neglect as we have been for ours this summer.

In twenty minutes you can fill a quart basket, no problem, and that's with eating half you pick. We've learned to eat them gently so as not to jam up our teeth with seeds. We feed them to the dog. We make jam, eat them in corn pancakes, and put them up in jars for winter use in cakes and on oat cereal. What can one say about such bounty? It is a miracle. We see other creatures eating them, too. Often canes are loaded so heavily that they droop to the ground where the gleaming slugs find them, glad they don't have to figure a way to get their soft bodies up those spiny trunks. Various bees, bugs, and wasps suck a little juice from the plump cells of the fruit, and coyote and fox droppings reveal that this is berry time for the wild dogs, too.

Every day the filled buckets and baskets line up on the kitchen counter and we feel a little sheepish. How much is enough? We know we have left plenty for the wild neighbors—that is not the point. When you eat at a buffet, do you stuff yourself just because it is there? Or do you know enough to let it go and say, "I can rest now. There will be more tomorrow, next year. This is not the end of the world, the last blackberry. And if it were, one more batch of jam put by would not guarantee my immortality."

The only cure for mortality is to live, and the place to do this is in the late summer sun in our upper and lower pastures, with the slugs and the wasps and a few bleeding scratches that say happily: these arms picked the wild fruit and lived the day they did so.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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September Events at Sandisfield Arts Center.

Following are the events and performances happening in September at the Sandisfield Arts Center. Please call 413-258-4100 or email info@sandisfieldartscenter.org for reservations and information. The Arts Center is located at 5 Hammertown Road in Sandisfield, just off of Route 57.

The Arron Chamber Ensemble

Saturday, September 13, 8 p.m.

This performance is a benefit for the Bill Crofut Arts Fund for Children. An accomplished array of international musicians, the Arron Chamber Ensemble contains an ensemble of artists whose dedication to the chamber music repertoire is unquestionable. From the stages of Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall, the Arron Chamber Ensemble brings world-class music making to Sandisfield. Members include Abraham Appleman, violin; Aaron Boyd, violin; Ronald Arron, viola; Edward Arron, cello; and Jeewon Park, piano.

The program will include works by Dvorak, Mozart, and Schumann. Admission is \$20.

The Bill Crofut Arts Fund for Children supports the artistic aspirations of Sandisfield's young: those who want to study an instrument, take dance classes, perform, go to a summer arts camp, etc.

Applications are accepted and reviewed for children up to the age of 18, as well as teachers who have a special program in mind that they would like to offer to local children.

The Church Hill Poets

Saturday, September 20, 8 p.m.

The Church Hill Poets are a group of friends living in the hills north of Sandisfield who meet regularly to share and critique each other's work. All have published and they have read together as a group on numerous occasions. Come and hear an evening of imagery and thoughts, both personal and objective, created by the mix of people that could well be your own neighbors. Members of the Church Hill Poets are Colin Harrington, Wil Hastings, Patty Kimura, Mary Koncel, Antonia Lake, Stephen Philbrick, and Dennis Pollock, most of whom will be present. The poets bring their poems as gifts to our audience. A contribution to the Sandisfield Arts Center would be welcome.

Our programs are supported, in part, by grants from the Sandisfield Cultural Council, the New Marlborough Cultural Council, the Monterey Cultural Council, and the Otis Cultural Council, all local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Additional support comes from the Morning Glory Trust and contributions from our members and friends.



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What Can I Do?

September is one of those great transitional times in the garden, when summer vegetables and flowers are coming to an end and plenty of things can be done to get ready for fall and winter. Especially when the seasons start to change, people have questions about what to do next. In the process I have learned a lot, because I don't have the answers at least half the time. Then it's off to the books, the internet, or my gardening buddies to get the information. So here is a small, unscientific sampling of the questions asked and the answers I've found along the way.

Q: Someone just left a giant zucchini on my doorstep—what can I do with it?

A: This is not necessarily a gift. Some years ago I brought a shopping bag full of zucchinis and summer squashes to the place where I worked, and the receptionist said, "Don't you come near me with those things!" Summer squashes of all kinds grow so fast that no one knows quite what to do with them. The best tasting ones are really little, so if someone presents you with a gargantuan specimen you can choose to compost it. Or do as friends of mine did: have a progressive zucchini party with zukes as the main ingredient in all courses, then cut the remaining ones in

half, put candles on them and float them down the river.

Q: My beans and peas are gone and there is bare space in my vegetable garden. Can I plant anything else this late in the season?

A: Indeed you can. Late varieties of lettuce can be started now. Lettuce is generally frost tolerant so it will survive into October at least. You may have to shade the planting area with some gauzy material, however, to keep the temperatures down while the seeds germinate. Spinach can be planted in the same way, and radishes grow so fast that you can easily harvest them before frost. If you really want to get ambitious and learn more about year-round food growing, get Eliot Coleman's book *Four-Season Harvest*. The possibilities are amazing.

Q: What can I do with the daylilies? The foliage looks awful!

A: You can cut them right to the ground, and the plants will send up some nice new foliage in just a few weeks. I prefer to treat them this way rather than to keep picking out the dead leaves. If you have room between daylily plants, that's a great place to pop in fall-blooming crocuses. With the old foliage gone, you'll be able to see the crocus flowers easily.

Q: Ok, but what about the hostas? Their leaves look pretty chewed up by now.

A: Hostas can still create new leaves this time of year, so I like to cut off the tattered or slug-eaten leaves to expose new growth. It's a more time-consuming approach than with the daylilies, but worth it. The new hosta leaves are already there at the crown of the plant so you don't have to wait for them to grow.

Q: Should I cut back the black-eyed Susans when they finish blooming?

A: The birds love to eat the seeds so it is a great idea to leave these flower heads on through the winter. Besides, they look beautiful in snow. Two other good plants to leave standing are the sedums and the echinaceas. You will most likely be visited by a flock of goldfinches looking for seeds in the fall if you do.

Q: Can I still prune my shrubs this time of year?

A: In general, it is getting late for pruning trees and shrubs. Pruning releases a growth hormone, so the trees and shrubs would be stimulated to create lots of fresh new growth that would only get killed in cold weather. Better to wait until spring unless you really have a dying or diseased branch. In that case it is probably wise to remove it now and not run the risk of

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breakage in the winter. By the way, if you have flowering shrubs, watch your pruning times to make sure you don't cut off next year's flowers. Spring-flowering shrubs should be pruned right after they flower, before new flower buds are set. Usually, summer- and fall-blooming shrubs can be pruned in spring, because they will set flower buds and bloom in the same year. If in doubt, ask first.

Q: Should I mulch the garden in the fall? How much?

A: If you are growing plants that are only marginally hardy in our climate zone, you will likely have to mulch them in order to protect them through the winter. There's nothing wrong with adding a layer of mulch, but don't use too much. And don't use shredded leaves—you are just giving the mice and chipmunks a nice warm home to lie in all winter, and they'll dine on your plants while they're in the neighborhood. Let the ground freeze first, and then cover your beds with mulch or pine boughs to keep the winter sun off the ground. Winter thaws can cause your perennials to heave right out of the soil, so you want to keep everything safe and frozen until the real thaw in spring.

Q: Last year I planted tulips and none of them came up. What can I do differently this year?

A: Tulips are a pretty hit-or-miss proposition around here. The rodents think they are the tastiest treat around. You can probably get tulips to make it through the

winter, but it is a lot of work. One year I dipped them all in deer repellent and then planted them inside cages made of ¼-inch hardware cloth. You have to remember to remove the top part of the hardware cloth in the spring before the foliage starts to grow, or you will have some sorry looking tulips! Also the metal is very hard to cut—I swear it hastened my trip to the carpal tunnel surgeon by a few years. I now plant only one garden where tulips bloom reliably every year, probably because their dogs keep all the little critters well away from the flower beds.

If you want a better bet, plant daffodils. To me daffodils are the best springtime bargain there is. Animals won't eat them, and they last for years. In fact the bulbs split and multiply, so you will end up with many more than you started with if you divide them once in a while. There are so many beautiful varieties and even colors that you just can't go wrong.

Q: Can I cover my garden with a layer of manure now and let it turn to compost through the winter?

A: The answer to this question used to be yes, but now it is a little more complicated. You have no doubt heard about the dead zones in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico—these are regions where the water holds no oxygen and sea life cannot survive. We now know that the dead zones are caused by excess nitrogen runoff from the huge farms of the Midwest. Nitrogen running off into streams and lakes can cause problems anywhere, and

it happens all the time because gardeners and farmers do use excessive amounts of nitrogen fertilizer. Back to the manure question—leaving manure on top of the garden soil can lead to nitrogen runoff, so if you spread manure in the fall, be sure to seed it with a fast growing ground cover like annual rye or alfalfa. You can easily turn the ground cover into the soil in the spring. In this way you are adding more nutrients, or “green manure,” to your garden as well as fixing the animal manure in place.

Q: Where can I go to meet other gardeners, learn more about gardening, and have lots of fun while doing it?

A: The Bidwell House! Every season a wonderful group of Garden Angels gets together to grow flowers and vegetables in the heritage gardens at The Bidwell House Museum. My deal with everyone is this—give us a little gardening time on a Saturday morning and get your gardening questions answered. We have coffee and bagels and plenty of good conversation before we even hit the dirt. The Garden Angels are hosting a free Pumpkin Festival at Bidwell on October 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., so come and visit us. And be sure to come back in the spring!

— Ruth Green



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Yesterday in Monterey

As in the Little Orphan Annie Broadway song "Tomorrow Is Just A Day Away," the word "yesterday" can have three references of measurement in our lives. It can mean the day before today or the recent past, or also the good old days. While "tomorrow" holds the important ingredient of hope for the near future, "yesterday" in all three references serves up memories to be recalled.

Yesterday In Monterey for me was a number of years ago when I walked into the back of the General Store and was welcomed to sit down to enjoy a cup of coffee with a small group of good old boys who in a later *Monterey News* article I would label as "The Cracker Barrel Bunch." My article included thumbnail sketches of Dick Tryon, Henry Wolfer, Rodney Palmer, Art Funk, Ed Briggs, Ray Tryon, and Marty Clark.

The following spring when Lake Garfield and the cottages around it began



to fill up, we were joined almost daily by summer residents, such as Betsy Camp, John and Bill Maxwell, Arnie Garber, and Peter Wolff. The conversation very often digressed to memories of "yester-

day In Monterey. The year was 1997, the sesquicentennial anniversary of the town itself, marked by the publication of *Monterey: A Local History*, available in the town library.

In a few weeks, on September 22, the sun of the summer season will be over the autumnal yardarm, and as the grandfather clock in the sky silently chimes, another measurement of memories will become bonded in time, and defined equally as well by "'Tis the Place that Makes the People" as by our town logo "'Tis the People Who Make the Place."

— George Emmons

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Letter from College Two Perspectives on Time

Only nine months left is what I'm hearing now. I find it hard to use the "S" word, and for those of you who are confused, no, I don't mean that one. "We've only completed 75% of it," a friend said to me just yesterday. Regardless of the math, the college journey continues on at a steady pace that seems to speed up or slow down depending on the day. Life is just like that and at this point I have no idea if I am looking forward to graduating, or if I am downright baffled that it is suddenly just around the corner. I know two freshmen this year, one who is family and another who is a good friend that just happens to be going to Middlebury. The excitement for both is palpable; their math is four years, or 100 percent, and counting. Can I mention here that part of me is slightly envious?

If I had 100 percent left, what would I do differently? Probably quite a few things, and they range from little decisions to bigger ones, but everyone has these. I prefer to think of my college timeframe in the following mindset: I still have nine classes, two terms, two sets of midterms and finals, at least ten papers and count-

less late nights left. From this perspective, the year seems endless. There are nine months to see friends, attend pub nights at the Grille—they will not compare to London—listen to countless interesting lectures, cheer at dance shows, and indulge in general Middlebury insanity.

There is something different about this year though: after the nine months, which seem so long at this point, there will not be another stretch of nine in the Middlebury bubble. That comfort is over. Despite the things I've done in my life, I am not always comfortable with change. This rarely limits my desire to do other things, but graduating from college is a pretty significant transition, much more so than going to school could ever be. What comes after college? This is the question that is now being asked of me. Four years ago The Question was where I was going to college, a pretty easy one for me to answer. College is a genre that involves some institution, which will offer you a whole world to explore from the classroom before you must fully participate in it. According to most statistics, at the end of these next nine months I will have received my training: four years, the degree and graduation requirements, along with some real life experiences that include studying abroad. This training does not automatically provide you with a perfect answer to the New Question.

If at this point in the rambling I am

supposed to offer an answer to it, I hate to disappoint, but it is not going to happen quite yet. There are just far too many possibilities to make some grand declaration; we are back to those baby steps one needs to take before one is able to run. Perhaps in my case one could compare the next nine months to the flat stretch on a roller coaster and that first steep incline going up—graduation is the peak before the downward fall, which is accompanied by anticipation, adrenaline, and even screaming on the way down.

I found myself thinking about all these changes recently, and I realized that this column is going to need a new name. At this moment "Letter from Life" seems somewhat appropriate. In two or three years it may become "Letter from Graduate School," and then it really is hard to say. "Letter from Overseas" and "Letter from the Capitol" are both potential options. That is all I'll say about post-college right now. Prior to any column title changes, there will be graduate school exams, job interviews, and of course the return to the hectic lifestyle that is the Middlebury College education. Planning ahead is an absolute necessity, but I also refuse to miss out on the wonderful things Middlebury has to offer me. I still have 25 percent of the college experience left to embrace, one more beautiful fall, long winter, and finally that promise of long-awaited spring in Vermont.

— Tarsi Dunlop

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A Profile in Courage

Shortly after I started my Ob-Gyn residency, I realized I had overlooked a critical factor in my choice of teaching programs. The hospital was a first-rate facility, and I considered myself quite fortunate to have been accepted into their program, but it was Catholic by charter, so family planning would not be part of the curriculum. The only Church-approved method was abstinence, and even though many Catholic women used the disapproved forms of birth control, they weren't going to get them at St. Elizabeth's.

As a practical matter, I knew that if I was going to enter private practice, I would need training in this area. Eventually I got up the nerve to speak to the department chairman and respectfully asked if I might spend a part of my training at another hospital. Fortunately, the chairman, himself an observant Catholic, understood my dilemma and was considerate enough to arrange a temporary assignment elsewhere. During this time I would be trained in contraceptive technology as well as surgical sterilization, such as tubal ligation, or "tying tubes." This was not an approved operation at Catholic institutions, but to my surprise I soon learned that there were actually some de facto sterilization procedures being done right under the roof of St. Elizabeth's. Typically the surgery would be a hysterectomy, performed by a sympathetic doctor who had discreetly augmented the surgical indications in order to effect sterilization for a desperate

patient. This wasn't a big secret. Everyone knew it, but it was a tacitly acknowledged way to accommodate the religious prohibition, even though hysterectomy involved considerably greater risk and recovery than the much simpler tubal ligation.

Not that tubals were never performed at St. Elizabeth's. They were authorized on rare occasions, but these were always instances where some special circumstance existed, and a committee of physicians and clergy agreed that an exception was indicated. When it was a Catholic physician who was performing this surgery, however, an unusual protocol was followed. Invariably the assistant surgeon was a non-Catholic, and after the abdomen was opened and the fallopian tubes were identified, the Catholic physician would actually turn his back and walk out of the operating room while the tubes were being cut and tied by the assistant surgeon, often a resident. The primary surgeon would then return, and then the two doctors would close the abdomen together.

In one memorable case it went differently. The patient in question was an institutionalized, mentally retarded woman who was pregnant for the fifth time. All of her children had been placed for adoption, and this baby had already been spoken for as well. In addition, her four previous deliveries were by C-section, despite the generally held view that patients should normally be limited to three cesareans be-

cause of accumulated scarring and a host of other risks. Because this would be the fifth section, her physician, Dr. Michael Grady, had been granted authorization to tie her tubes at the time of delivery. This was a weighty choice for the staunchly religious Doctor Grady, who was also an ethical and moral man, near retirement, and had never done a sterilization of any kind in his entire career. I, a junior resident, was assigned as his assistant for the operation.

Because of severe scarring, the internal anatomy was badly altered and the cesarean ended up being a challenging surgical exercise. Fortunately, Doctor Grady was highly skilled. I followed his lead and we managed to work our way in without damaging any of the adjacent organs. All of this took nearly three-quarters of an hour, compared to just a few minutes under routine circumstances.

There was a collective sigh of relief when we finally delivered the baby, a beautiful little girl. I particularly recall one of the nurses remarking how lucky both this baby and her adopting parents were that God had planned it this way. I also remember thinking cynically that I doubted that scenario, but I kept my opinion to myself. In a few more minutes we had sutured the uterus and were ready to close the abdomen, but first there was another step. We still had to do the tubal ligation.

At this point Dr. Grady froze. He fell silent, lowered his head, and just stood

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there for a very long time. Activity in the operating room ceased until the tension became unbearable. Finally I reached across the table and placed my hand on his.

"Doctor Grady," I said softly, "if you'd like to step out, I can take care of this for you."

When he looked up I don't think I have ever seen more angst in a man's eyes. "No, David," he said, his voice shaking, "I have to take responsibility for this myself."

The procedure wasn't surgically challenging—clamp, tie, and cut out a loop of tube on both sides—but during that time and through the rest of the case, the room was dead silent. Finally, when we got to skin level, Dr. Grady simply put down his surgical instruments, pointed at me, and walked out of the operating room without a word.

As I was placing the final sutures I heard a muffled sob and looked up to see the scrub nurse blinking back tears. I didn't have to ask why. To me the decision to perform this procedure was rational and straightforward, but for the deeply religious Doctor Grady it was an act he would have to answer for in the world to come. Despite this, he passed up the opportunity to deflect responsibility for this transgression onto me.

Even after so many years, the gravity of this incident continues to affect me. Given the circumstances in Mike Grady's world, I consider his choice to be among the most selfless and courageous acts I have ever seen, and I often reflected on it as a standard of character throughout my career.

— David Shifrin

Author George Minkoff to Speak at Bidwell House

George Minkoff returns to the Bidwell House in the Authors Series on Saturday, September 20, at 4 p.m. to talk about part two of his trilogy *The Land of Whispers*. His second book, *The Dragons of the Storm*, is as enthralling as part one of the trilogy, *The Weight of Smoke*.

In his latest work, Minkoff continues his historical novel of the life and times of John Smith in the earliest days of the Jamestown colony. In this part, Minkoff offers an account of Francis Drake's daring proposition to find the Northwest Passage to the Orient in order to regale Queen Elizabeth I, who must counter the Spanish King Phillip's Armada.

One reviewer, J. M. Cornwell describes the Minkoff books as "a literary banquet.... The beauty of the language shook me and the poetic rhythm of Jonas Profit's [Minkoff's "eyewitness"] rendering of history came alive with a force that left me reeling, reluctant to return to a more mundane present. If only history books were written like this."

The Bidwell House will sponsor a wine and cheese reception in honor of Mr. Minkoff after his talk. For more information, call 413-528-6888.



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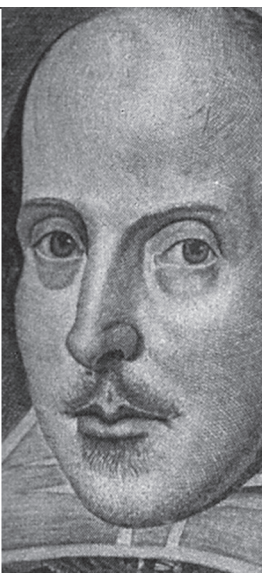
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On a recent trip to the high peaks area of the Adirondacks, I experienced a strategy that seems to work for a number of small towns. They have put radar units with very bright LED flashers at every entrance to villages where the speed drops, combined with a number of signs explaining that they value their children’s safety and ask that people proceed slowly. Even though I didn’t see a single police officer or speed trap over 4 days, I observed that traffic moved at a very conservative pace. I would request that Monterey make an aggressive effort to slow traffic through the town and keep it’s residents safe.

— Mike Erkinen

Bidwell House Presentation on Early Local Settlement

Robert Hoogs, tri-state land use planner and trustee of the Bidwell House, will join museum director Martha Dailey in an exploration of the earliest characteristics of settlement of Township No. 1, which became Tyringham and later Monterey, on Saturday, September 13, at 10 a.m. at the museum. Hoogs and Dailey took part in a three-month study of the land that was the demographic center of the area in 1750. The museum is housed in the original parsonage for the Congregationalist settlement. The presentation will include slides and maps, as well as a walk to historic points on the property. Hoogs has identified almost three miles of stone walls of historic significance. Guests will be viewing the plan of earliest settlement as indicated by house lots in Township No. 1 at Hoosatonuck, an early name for the area.

The talk is titled “An Errand Into the Wilderness,” after the masterwork of historian Perry Miller, who borrowed the phrase from a 1630 sermon by John Winthrop as he led the Puritans on their voyage from Europe on the *Arabella*. The settlement of Tyringham and other hill towns in the Berkshires differed from the communities settled east of or near the Connecticut River in that there were no stockaded villages for Europeans in this vicinity.

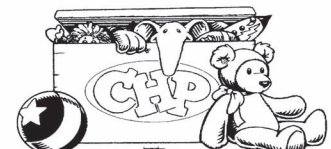
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Saturday, September 6: Walk in the footsteps of our early ancestors on the Royal Hemlock Road, Bidwell House. Trail guide is Dr. Richard Greene; 2 to 3 hrs. Meet at 10 a.m. at the museum. See p. 10.

Saturday, September 13:

"Errand Into the Wilderness," talk by Martha Dailey and Robert Hoogs on the settlement of Tyringham/Monterey. Wear walking shoes; 2 hrs. Meet at the Bidwell House Museum at 10 a.m. See p. 22.

Arron Chamber Ensemble benefit for the Bill Crofut Arts Fund for Children,

8 p.m. Sandisfield Arts Center. \$20; see p. 15.

Sunday, September 14: "Tea With Marie." Bidwell descendent and Monterey resident Marie Leuchs will share reminiscences at 2 p.m. with tea and colonial crumpets at the Bidwell House. Wine and cheese reception to follow.

Saturday, September 20:

Book talk and signing George Minkoff, author of *The Dragons of the Storm*, at 4 p.m., Bidwell House. Wine and cheese reception. See p. 21.

Poetry reading by Church Hill Poets, 8 p.m. Sandisfield Arts Center. See p. 15.

Monday, September 22: Open poetry night, 7 p.m., Monterey Library. Come and share your poems. See p. 10.

Saturday, September 27: Ben Luxon in

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